

Rusk County's Older Population

Social and Economic Characteristics

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	Rusk County		Wisconsin
Household Income (Householder Age 65+)		Percent	Percent
Income less than \$35,000	1,365	77.1%	65.2%
Income less than \$50,000	1,593	89.9%	80.4%

Persons 65+ with Incomes Below Poverty Level	Number	Percent	Percent
Below Poverty	300	11.5%	7.4%
Below 2.0 x Poverty	1,165	44.6%	29.6%

Median Income: Comparing Age Groups		Dollars	Dollars
Total (Householders of all ages)		\$31,344	\$43,791
Householder 65 to 74 years		\$22,738	\$31,328
Householder 75 years and over		\$16,954	\$21,046

Employment Status: Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
Males Employed in Civilian Labor Force	179	14.6%	17.7%
Females Employed in Civilian Labor Force	166	10.3%	9.3%

Educational Attainment: Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
65+; Less than 9th grade	677	23.8%	17.8%
65+; 9th to 12th grade; no diploma	580	20.4%	15.5%
65+; High school graduate (includes equivalency)	1,064	37.5%	38.2%
65+; Some college; no Bachelor's degree	352	12.4%	13.7%
65+, Bachelor's degree or more	166	5.8%	12.7%

Marital Status: Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
Never married	135	4.8%	4.7%
Married	1,514	53.3%	52.9%
Separated	168	5.9%	5.2%
Widowed	857	30.2%	31.3%
Divorced	165	5.8%	5.9%
Males , 65 and over, married	853	69.4%	71.3%
Females , 65 and over, married	661	41.1%	39.9%

Disability Status, Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
Persons 65 or older with any disability	1,091	41.8%	36.5%
With a sensory disability	361	13.8%	11.9%
With a physical disability	764	29.2%	24.1%
With a mental disability	233	8.9%	7.6%
With a self-care disability	201	7.7%	7.5%
With a go-outside-home disability	508	19.4%	17.7%
Age 65+, with disability and income below poverty level	127	11.6%	10.6%